

<b>Report on</b>	Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Support for 2024/25
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4th December 2023
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek approval to continue providing financial support to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Mid Ulster Council has provided financial support to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) since 2015 to deliver two key initiatives; namely the Eco Schools Programme and Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme to local schools and communities.
2.2	Eco-Schools approaches its 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and Live Here Love Here approaches its 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary next year (both in 2024) and both of these initiatives have contributed significantly to improvements in environmental education and change within the district.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	A letter has been received from the Chief Executive of Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (copy attached) requesting that the Council maintain its' current level of financial support to the organisation in the next financial year (2024/25) as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Here Love Here (Small Grants Scheme) - £21,000</li> <li>• Eco-Schools Programme- £2,975</li> </ul>
3.2	The Council also works closely with KNIB on a number of environmental initiatives including the annual Big Spring Clean, Adopt a Spot scheme and Green Flag awards. A community impact card for the Mid Ulster district is included as an appendix to this report.
3.3	It has also been recently announced that KNIB will be assuming responsibility for the NI Best Kept Awards Competition from the NI Amenity Council which the Council also actively promotes and participates in every year (under the Eco Communities banner).
3.4	KNIB also recently outlined a number of significant and future developments to a meeting of the NI Technical Advisors Group on 10th November (copy of presentation attached)
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: The total cost of £23,975 can be met from Environmental Services revenue budget.

	Human: Officer time in co-ordinating Eco Schools and Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme
	Risk Management: None
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that approval is granted to continue providing financial support to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme and Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme in 2024/25 at a total cost of £23,975.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Letter from KNIB dated 27th October 2023
6.2	Mid Ulster Community (Journey to Net Zero) Impact Card
6.3	KNIB presentation to NITAG on 10th November 2023